

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Kathy Prue-Owens, a native of Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, has devoted more than 21 years of her life to the service of this state and country, and currently represents 1 percent of the Native American women serving in the Army Nurse Corps; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Prue-Owens received her Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Arizona and credits her success to her husband, Doug, and her three sons, Zachary, Marcus and Kyle, her mother, Marcella, and her sister and brothers; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Prue-Owens has served in various duty stations, including Fitzsimmons in Denver, Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was the first Critical Care Nurse to establish Intensive Care Units in Saddam Hussein's old hospital; and,

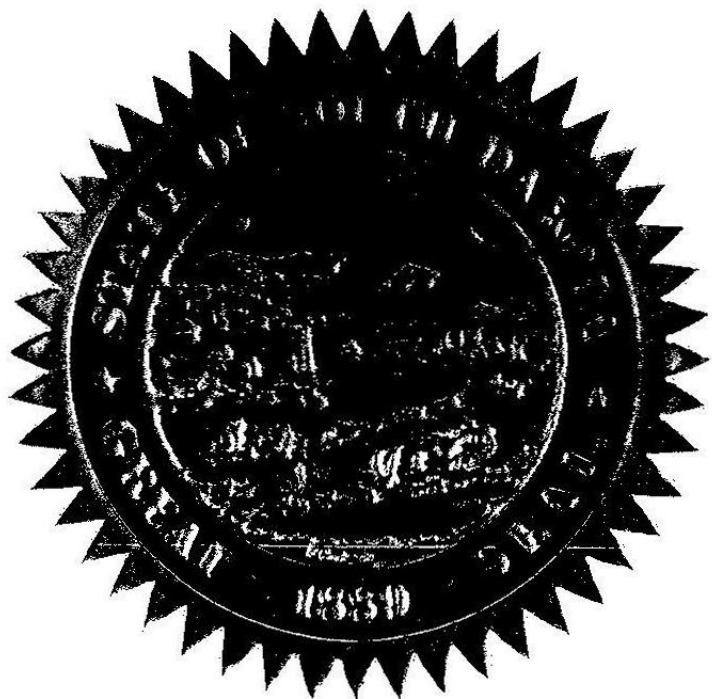
Whereas, Her loyalty and leadership have made her a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country and she will be recognized at the Rosebud Fair on August 25, 2007, with an Honoring Ceremony; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend this South Dakotan for her dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

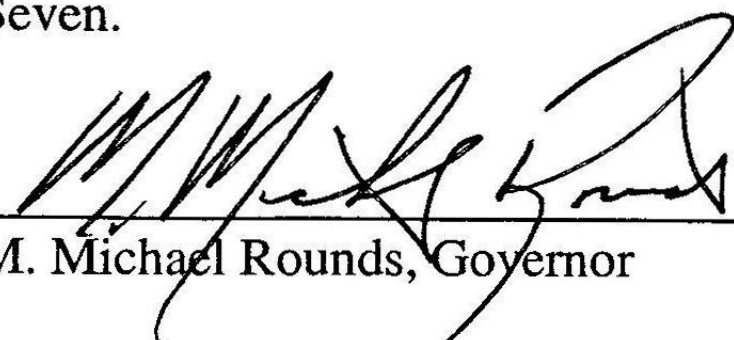
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2007, as

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KATHY PRUE-OWENS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State